

CHINESE PRESS IS DEPRESSED BY STAND OF ALLIES

Gloomy View Taken of Attitude of Powers In Supporting Japanese Request for Postponement of Monarchy.

(Associated Press Correspondence)

Beijing, Nov. 26.—Most of the very lucid reports printed in the treaty ports take a very gloomy view of the action of Italy, France, Great Britain and Belgium in supporting Japan's request for a postponement of the monarchical movement in China. They regard the action of the European powers as indicative of their willingness to allow Japan to interfere with Chinese domestic policies.

A Chinese contributor to the Peking Daily News makes this statement of the case, which is typical, perhaps, of the views held by the majority of the educated Chinese: "Such short-sighted diplomacy on the part of these great nations is bound to create future international discord and lead to everlasting disturbance of the political equilibrium in the Orient. The questions that will immediately come to one's mind are: Will the English, Russian and French people be willing to have all special privileges that they have succeeded in laboriously building up in the last two decades destroyed by following the selfish dictates of Japan?" After the war, what will the Englishmen say when they discover that the Japanese have stepped into their shoes and crowded them out of commercial Asia?

"With the Tsing-tau episode as a precedent it is as certain as night follows day that Japan, under this 'advice' as a pretext, will demand further concessions and privileges than will rival the infamous twenty-one demands. Is it possible that the European powers fail to grasp the real motives behind this latest 'strategic peace-making' movement? Turn on the searchlight of international publicity to the dark corners of Japanese diplomacy, read the writing on the wall, and you may yet save yourselves from the serious predicament of having your houses burned through your own inexcusable fault of blindly following the Japanese and indirectly assisting them to consummate their devilish plans."

The editor of the Peking Daily News, which is a newspaper owned by Chinese and is supposed to voice the opinion of the Chinese government, says in an editorial note attached to the letter: "The foregoing represents a large body of Chinese opinion, but there is another section which regards the association of the European powers with Japan in the advised venture last month as susceptible of another meaning. These latter are inclined to believe that the European powers adopted the procedure followed on October 25 in order that they might establish a concordum which would have to be consulted regarding future action by any of the parties in China. This view is entertained by most foreigners. Obviously, Britain, France, Russia and Italy are incapable of devoting as much attention as formerly to China and consequently can do little more than express opinions should they be consulted, but if does not follow that Japan will remain a free agent in the Orient for all time, especially as her lack of experience, administrative ability and financial resources unfit her for the role she essays to fill."

Japan Stirred By Sinking of French Vessel

Sentiment, Already High Because of Attack on Yasaka Maru, Grows Higher Over Ville de la Ciotat Affair.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire)

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The sinking of the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat has increased the feeling aroused by Japan by the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru.

Advice received here corroborates previous reports that the Yasaka Maru was sunk without warning. The Japan Mail Steamship company's agent at Port Said reports that three times the usual number of lookouts were on duty and that they saw nothing before the explosion occurred.

The Japanese cruisers Tokio and Chosho are to sail tomorrow from Yokosuka on a secret mission. It is believed they will go to the South seas.

WAR PRODUCES LITTLE CHANGE IN BIRTH RATE

(Associated Press Correspondence)

London, Dec. 16.—In the birth column of one of the London newspapers three-fourths of the births announced are of the male sex, according to a correspondent, who puts forth the theory that there are more boys than girls born during war times.

The registrar-general's department, however, does not encourage this theory, as, on being questioned on the subject, the following statement was made:

"After the only great war the nation had waged since accurate statistics have been recorded, the Crimée, there was no marked increase in the proportion of boys. The excess of boys over girls during the years 1851 to 1860, which included the war, was less in fact than during the previous ten years."

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MUSKETRY FIRING TO BE TAUGHT IN AMERICAN ARMIES

Comparatively Recent Development of Warfare to Be Taken Up By United States School at Fort Sill.

(Associated Press Correspondence)

Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 23.—The school of musketry of the United States army—the only school of its kind in the country—will open at the reservation here shortly before the first of January. The exact date has not been decided upon, as the new buildings which are to house the school have not yet been fully completed.

The school is for the training of officers and non-commissioned officers of the army in directing and controlling the fire of bodies of troops, and in the systematic handling and formation of troops under fire. Individual marksmanship is not taught. The school was organized last July. It was located at Fort Sill because of the presence here of the school of fire for Field Artillery, with which it cooperates, and because of the topography and extent of the land reservation, which is the largest in the country. Later on, the War Department intends to establish regimental schools in each post and that the institution here will be turned into a general school for the training of troopers.

The idea of mass firing, as opposed to individual marksmanship, was first conceived by an Italian general about twenty years ago. It was developed by the Germans and finally adopted by the other European countries and musketry schools now are established in all European armies.

The first investigation of the possibilities of mass firing was made in this country seven years ago at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Captain H. E. Barnes, now assistant commandant of the school at Fort Sill, was selected to take charge of the work. He found nothing in the English language on the subject. The problems and formulas which he worked out now comprise the textbook for the army. The results of test lessons conducted under simulated war conditions have demonstrated the practicability of the theory and the need of thoroughly-trained officers, according to army officials. They point out that two years ago at the annual rifle meet at Camp Perry, O., a company of the best civilian marksmen was formed to fire in competition with a company chosen at random from the army. The armchair shooters, although composed of only average individual marksmen, were commanded by an officer trained in mass firing. The civilians were easily defeated.

The reservation at Fort Sill is a rolling prairie, particularly adapted to rifle practice at concealed targets. Besides being taught range firing and fire control, the officers are taught the art of concealing troops from fire and the most advantageous methods of formation in moving a body of troops across a fire-swept field, or against an enemy position.

The school is divided into five classes and composed of officer field officers, thirty company and troop officers, fifteen machinegun officers and one hundred and six non-commissioned officers. The field officers above the rank of captain are being trained as instructors in commanding the regimental schools which are to be established. Colonel R. M. Blatchford is commandant of the school. In addition to teaching rifle and machinegun fire, the school is interested in the testing of new rifles and ammunition.

MUCH HUMOR AND FINE CHARACTERIZATIONS IN 'PAIR OF SIXES'

For sheer humor, wit and sparkle, "A Pair of Sixes," which came to Albuquerque last night, was seen a few hours later and departed this morning, conquering, was the best that has come this way in a long time. There were funny situations galore, tuny lines and many opportunities for business, and the actors got the most out of every opportunity for a laugh.

There were no poor actors in the cast, nearly all was handled well and by a person reasonably true to the type. Oscar Flynn's work as the lead was excellent, entirely in character all the time and devoid of the usual cheap devices to tickle the humor of the audience.

Ethel Wilson, as Mrs. Mattison, did exceptionally well, as did Miss Carlyle as the intemperate Caddie, but the cleverest characterization of the evening was Richard Earle's presentation of the attorney. Anyone who can hold the attention of a crowd through the dry-as-dust dictation of a contract could—well, he could sell goods for the "Eureka Digestive Pill Company." Earle's work was classic and he seemed to get a lot of fun out of it. Krome, the bookkeeper, was an excellent type and acted the part well.

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